

Hear & Celebrate

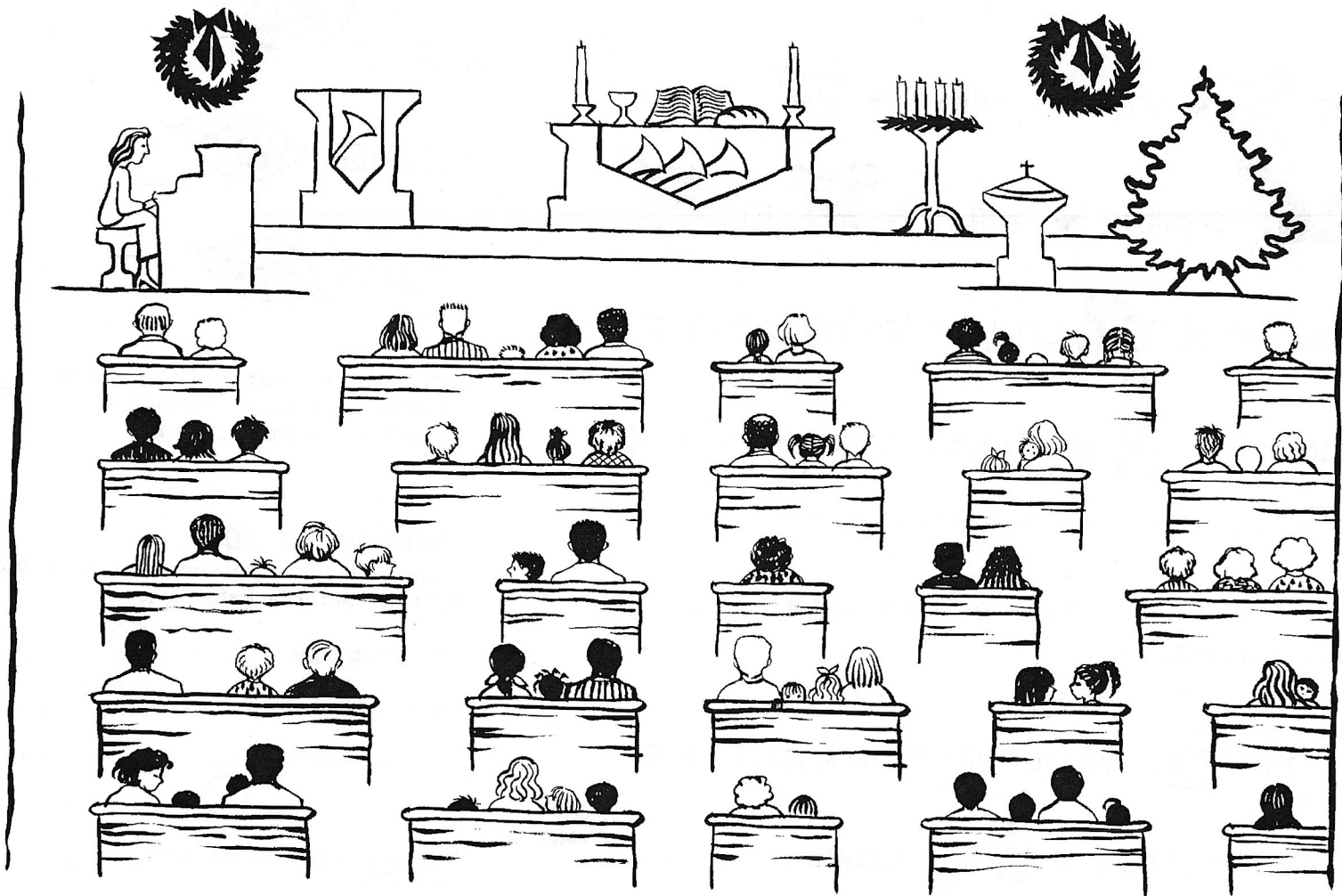
Advent signs

Matthew 3:1-12

Listen today for the story of John the Baptist. He appeared to people who lived during Jesus' time. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Matthew 3:3).

Which Bible book contains John's story? Listen as the Bible is read today or look up the three choices in your Bible.

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12










What Advent reminders do you see in your own sanctuary?

There are many ways to move to the front of this church. Draw a line on the straight path. Circle the Advent images in the picture.



Use the symbols to fill in the blanks for this week's memory verses. Check in your Bible to see if you're right!

Memory Verse

The _____ shall live with the _____, the _____ shall lie _____ with the kid, the _____ and the _____ and the fattling together, and a _____ shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

The  shall live with the , the  shall lie ↓ with the , the  and the  and the fattling together, and a little  shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

For the _____ will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the _____ cover the sea. Isaiah 11:9b

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Isaiah 11:9b

Look it Up!

Isaiah tells us about a new branch in the family tree of Jesse. King David is a son of Jesse and Jesus is in King David's family. Write down the names of the people you find in each verse. Then draw a branch connecting the Old and New Testament families.

Genesis 17:5

Genesis 21:3

Genesis 25:26

1 Samuel 16:1

1 Samuel 16:13

Luke 1:31

Luke 1:27

John the Baptist was born right about the same time as Jesus. You can read more about these cousins in Luke 1:1-6.

Did You Know?

Looking for John

Figure out the word that goes on each line. Use the letters from the circles to spell the word in the last sentence.

John told people to _____.

He was trying to help people get _____ for Jesus.

John the Baptist wore funny clothes made from _____ and _____ hair.

John ate funny food, too, like _____ and _____.

John the Baptist was a P. _____.

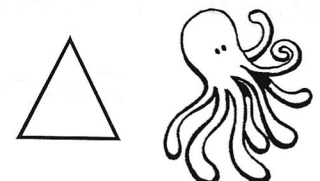
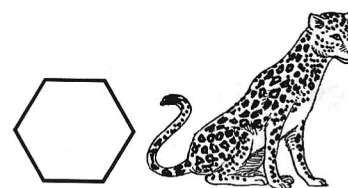
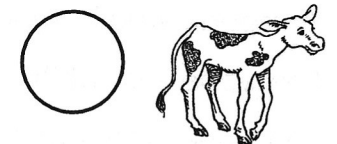
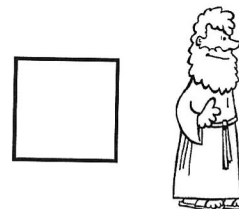
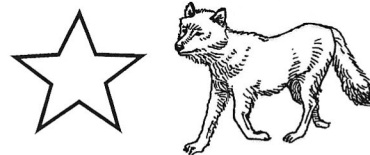
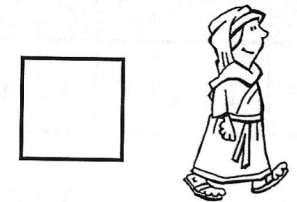
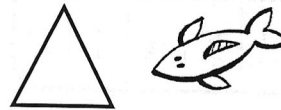
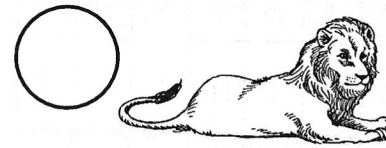


The child would show them how to live in peace and love each other.

Isaiah tells us that a **child** will bring **peace**.
The child would bring peace to all **people**—and to **animals**, too!

During Advent we **hope** for **peace**.

See who can live together in peace! Draw a line to connect each pair of matching shapes.



Advent is the first season in the church year.

Cross out the lower case letters to find some Advent words.

I	c	M	y	M	r	A	t	N	p	U	w	E	h	L
i	M	l	E	f	S	t	S	w	I	g	A	e	H	f
i	u	W	p	e	b	A	d	w	q	I	m	r	v	T
m	d	R	s	b	E	n	w	A	k	m	D	r	i	Y
s	n	A	t	j	W	r	m	A	n	d	K	a	i	E

Look around! Other people are getting ready too. **Can you find these people in worship?**

- Someone wearing blue
- Someone holding a baby
- Someone with glasses
- Someone who is smiling
- Someone with white hair
- Someone who is wearing a sweater
- Someone who is reading the Bible

Everyone waits together!

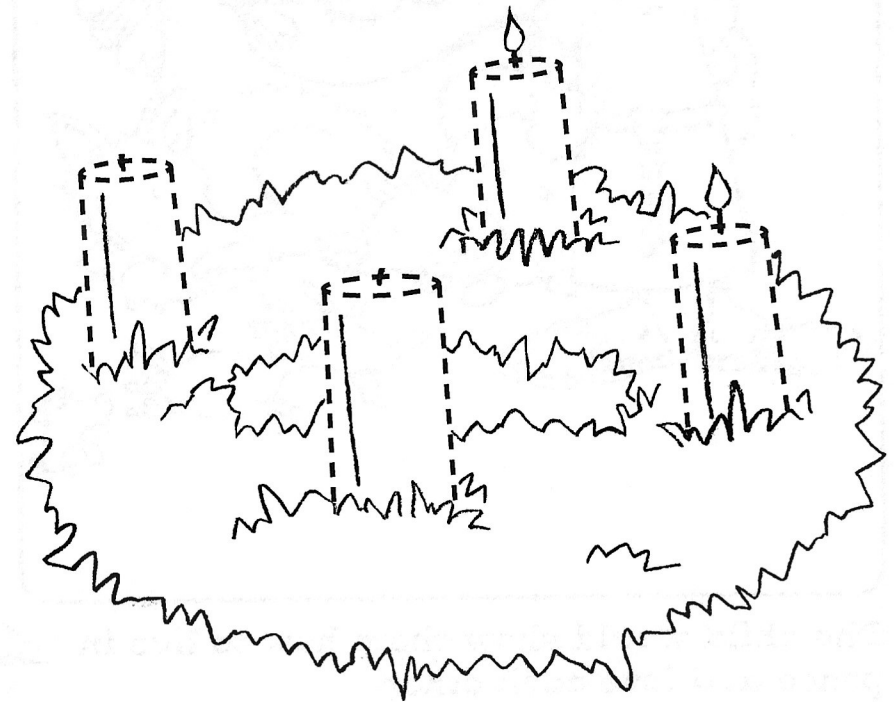


PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in **Advent**.
- The color we use for Advent is **blue**.
- Blue is a color that means **hope**.

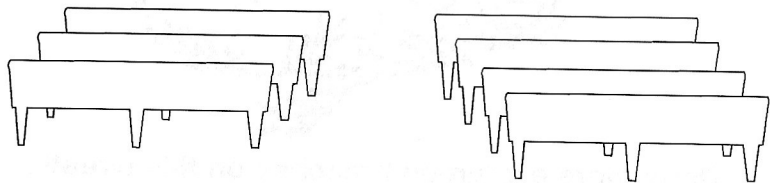
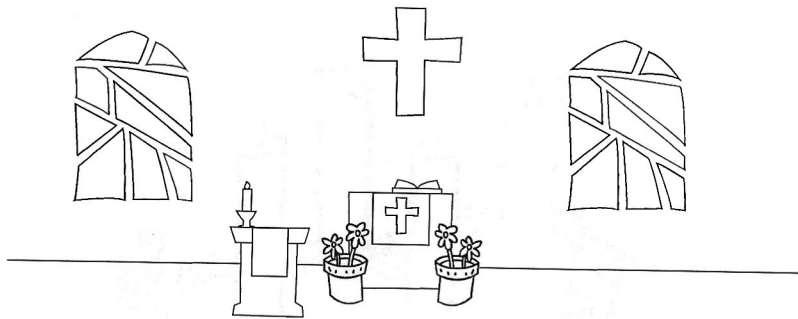
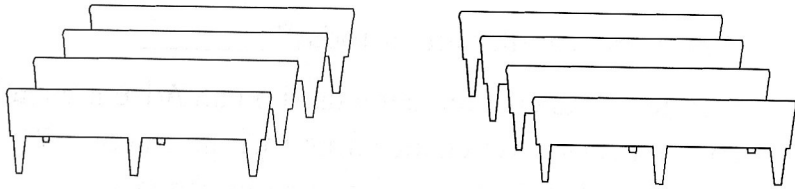
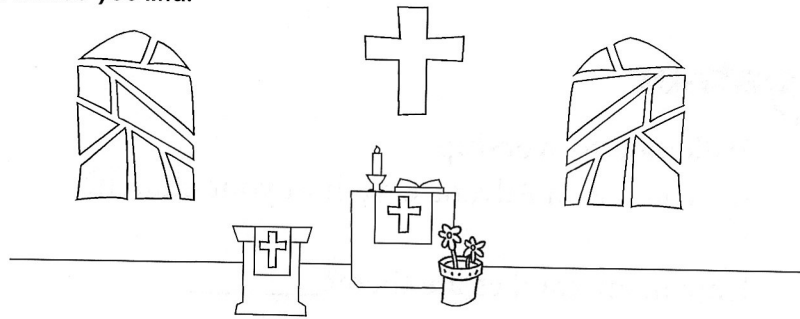
Trace the dotted lines to draw the Advent candles. Then color them blue.



Sanctuary Search

During Advent, we decorate the sanctuary, or worship space, in different ways. There is usually an Advent wreath with candles. The cloth that covers the altar might be blue. People hang evergreen garlands and decorate trees. Each church decorates a little differently.

Can you spot six differences between these two pictures? Circle each difference you find!



READER

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- The color we use during Advent is **blue**.



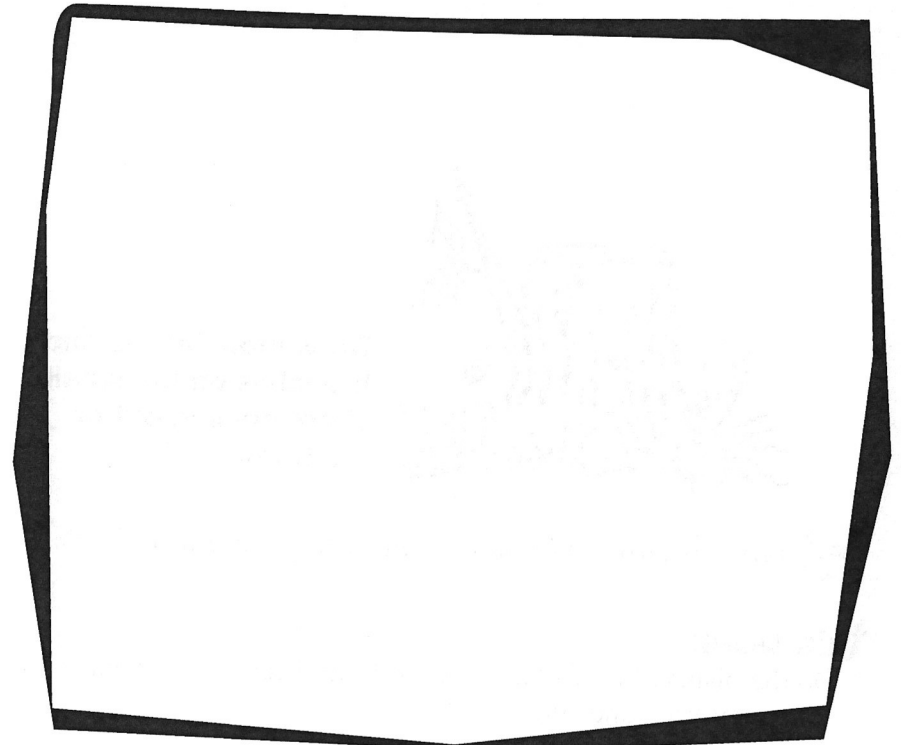
Code Blue

Figure out this code to find out what the color blue means.

G ___ I, N ___ P, O ___ Q, D ___ F

spells: _____

What do you see in church today that is blue? Write or draw about it here.

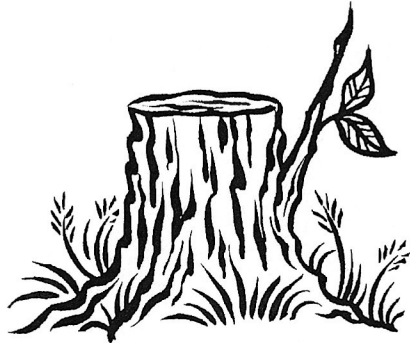


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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

What can we do to serve the Lord during the week? Our faith keeps growing as we help others, pray, and read Bible stories. Let your faith grow each day!

Did you know about Jesus' family tree? Jesus is called a shoot, or new plant, growing from the stump of Jesse. Jesus comes from the family of King David, the son of Jesse.



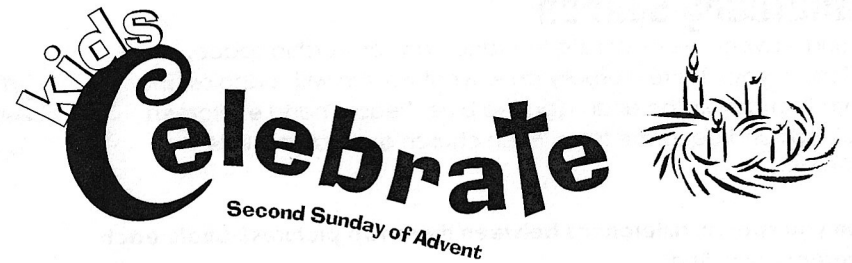
Draw more leaves and branches on the small shoot coming out of the trunk.



Give us care and what we need to grow, Lord. Amen

This week

Do the plants at your home or church need care? Give them water, fertilizer, and sun.



gather

Welcome to worship.

Do you see an Advent wreath in your church?

How many candles are there? _____

How many candles are lit today? _____

Evergreen branches are often used on an Advent wreath. The branches never change from their green color. They remind us that God's love for us never changes.



**Draw more evergreen branches on this wreath.
Draw flames on two of the candles.**